House Update and Public Laws for the Week of July 7-11, 2008

Last Week in the House

On Tuesday, July 8, 2008, the House passed seven suspension bills:

- H.R. 5741, "To amend the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to improve the conservation of sharks" (Passed by voice vote)

- H.R. 3981, "To authorize the Preserve America Program and Save America's Treasures Program, and for other purposes" (Passed 360-23, Roll Call 471)

- H.R. 1423, "To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease a portion of a visitor center to be constructed outside the boundary of the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore in Porter County, Indiana, and for other purposes" (Passed 376-11, Roll Call 472)

- H.R. 4199, "To amend the Dayton Aviation Heritage Preservation Act of 1992 to add sites to the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park, and for other purposes" (Passed 368-18, Roll Call 473)

- H.R. 802, "To amend the Act to Prevent Pollution from ships to implement MARPOL Annex VI" (Passed by voice vote)

- H.R. 5975, "To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 West Main Street in Waterville, New York, as the *Cpl. John P. Sigsbee Post Office*" (Passed by voice vote)

- H.R. 6092, "To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 Tallapoosa Street in Bremen, Georgia, as the *Sergeant Paul Saylor Post Office Building*" (Passed by voice vote)

*Note: Suspension bills require two-thirds majority for passage.

On Wednesday, July 9, 2008, the House passed thirteen suspension bills:

- H.R. 6382, "To make technical corrections related to the Pension Protection Act of 2006, and for other purposes" (Passed by voice vote)

- H. Con. Res. 375, "To honor the goal of the International Year of Astronomy and for other purposes" (Agreed to by voice vote)

- H. Res. 1312, "Commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Space Foundation" (Agreed to by voice vote)

- H.R. 4174, "To establish an interagency committee to develop an ocean acidification research and monitoring plan and to establish an ocean acidification program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration" (Passed by voice vote)

- H.R. 4461, "To promote and enhance the operation of local building code enforcement administration across the country by establishing a competitive Federal matching grant program" (Passed by voice vote)

- H.R. 6216, "To improve the Operating Fund for public housing of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and for other purposes" (Passed by voice vote)

- H.R. 3329, "To provide housing assistance for very low-income veterans" (Passed 412-9, Roll Call 478)

- H.R. 6184, "To provide for a program for circulating quarter dollar coins that are emblematic of a national park or other national site in each State, the District of Columbia, and each territory of the United States, and for other purposes" (Passed 419-0, Roll Call 479)

- H.R. 5541, "To provide a supplemental funding source for catastrophic emergency wildland fire suppression activities on Department of the Interior and National Forest System lands, to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to develop a cohesive wildland fire management strategy, and for other purposes" (Passed by voice vote)

- H. Res. 1322, "Commending the firefighters from California and throughout the United States for their courageous actions and sacrifices in fighting the California wildfires" (Agreed to by voice vote)

- S. 2607, "To make a technical correction to section 3009 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005" (Passed by voice vote)

- H. Res. 1260, "Supporting the goals and ideals of "National Internet Safety Month" (Agreed to by voice vote)

- H.R. 6061, "To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 219 East Main Street in West Frankfort, Illinois, as the *Kenneth James Gray Post Office Building*" (Passed by voice vote)

On Wedsnesday, July 9, 2008 the House passed one rule bill:

- H.R. 5811, "To amend title 44, United States Code, to require preservation of certain electronic records by Federal agencies, to require a certification and reports relating to Presidential records, and for other purposes" (Passed 286-137, Roll Call 477)

On Thursday, July 10, 2008, the House passed three suspension bills:

- H. Res. 1313, "Celebrating the 25th anniversary of the first American woman in space, Dr. Sally K. Ride, and honoring her contributions to the space program and to science education" (Agreed to by voice vote)

- H. Res. 1315, "Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration" (Agreed to by voice vote)

On Thursday, July 10, 2008, the House passed one rule bill:

- H.R. 1286, "To amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail" (passed 345-69 Roll Call 484)

Public Laws Signed Last Week

Week of July 7-11 the President signed two bills into law:

- S. 2420, "Federal Food Donation Act of 2008"

- H.R. 6304, "FISA Amendments Act of 2008"

Thus far in the 110th Congress, the President has signed 261 bills into law. Of those bills, 93 (36%) were for the purpose of naming post offices or public buildings.

During the district work period the President signed X bills into law:

- S. 682, "Edward William Brooke III Congressional Gold Medal Act"

- S. 254, "A bill to award posthumously a Congressional gold medal to Constantino Brumidi"

- S. 188, "A bill to revise the short title of the Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, and Coretta Scott King Voting Rights Act Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 2006"

- H.R. 5690, "To remove the African National Congress from treatment as a terrorist organization for certain acts or events, provide relief for certain members of the African National Congress regarding admissibility, and for other purposes"